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RE: New Modifier for Replacement Eyeglasses - "RA"
             Polycarbonate Lens Code - V2784

RA Modifier

The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) has deleted "RP" as a valid modifier. In order to remain consistent with HIPAA coding requirements, only valid HCPCS codes and modifiers can be used by Medicaid. **Effective immediately**, replacement of eyeglasses should be billed with the **"RA"** modifier instead of the "**RP**" modifier. The RP modifier is still valid for dates of service prior to January 1, 2009.

The **RA** modifier should be used only for eyeglasses that have been replaced due to loss or breakage. It should not be used when new eyeglasses are provided on or after the time periods normally allowed by Medicaid. It should also not be used when prior approval has been obtained due to a qualifying change in vision for new eyeglasses in less than the normal time periods allowed.

NOTE: When eyeglasses are replaced due to loss or breakage, the current prescription should be used for the lenses.

Polycarbonate Lens Code Change

For dates on or after July 1, 2009, procedure code **V2784** should be billed for polycarbonate lenses. Procedure code **S0580**, polycarbonate lens will not be payable for dates of services after June 30, 2009.

Please see Informational Letter 539 dated November 15, 2006, available on-line at: http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Bulletins/Bulletins2006.html for additional information about eyeglass coverage and billing.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us